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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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TAGS: PEPR, SF, US  
SUBJECT: REACTION TO US PROTEST ON SAG DIPLOMAT

REF: CAPE TOWN 957,

1. IN AN ARTICLE IN THE MAY 13 THE CITIZEN, AIDA PARKER  
CITES THREE CASES IN WHICH US DIPLOMATS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE  
ALLEGEDLY INTERFERRED IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.  
THE CHARGES WERE MADE AT THE END OF A LONG ARTICLE BY PARKER  
ON THE US PROTEST REGARDING CRITICISM OF SENATOR CLARK BY  
SAG EMBASSY COMMERCIAL MINISTER JAN VAN ROOYEN (REFTEL).

2. PARKER CITES A PRESS INTERVIEW THAT APPEARED IN JUNE  
1976 WITH JOE SEGARS, FSO CONSULAR OFFICER IN CONGEN  
JOHANNESBURG. PARKER CITES REPUTED QUOTES FROM SEGARS  
SAYING THAT HE SAW HIS APPOINTMENT AS EVIDENCE OF AN  
AMERICAN DESIRE TO CHANGE THE ATTITUDES OF SOUTH AFRICANS  
TOWARDS BLACKS AND THAT HE HOPED TO MAKE AS MUCH CONTACT  
WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN SOWETO AS POSSIBLE.

PARKER ALSO CHARGES THAT JUDY WILLIAMS, WIFE OF FSO

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THOMAS WILLIAMS, ASSIGNED TO US CONSULATE GENERAL IN  
CAPE TOWN, ACTIVELY TOOK PART IN A "WOMEN FOR PEACE"  
SHOW OF SYMPATHY FOR BLACKS BEING EVICTED FROM THE  
MODDERDAM SQUATTER CAMP IN CAPE TOWN LAST AUGUST.  
PARKER ALSO CITES INCIDENT OF JUNE 10, 1977 IN WHICH  
WILLIAM JACOBSEN, BPAO, JOHANNESBURG "WAS DETAINED  
AND QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE AFTER AN UNAUTHORIZED

VISIT WITH A BLACK US POET TO MORRIS ISAACSON HIGH SCHOOL IN SOWETO." STUDENTS FROM MORRIS ISAACSON, PARKER ASSERTS, WERE A "PIVOTAL" POINT IN THE STUDENT RIOTS IN THE BLACK TOWNSHIP LAST YEAR.

3. PARKER CONCLUDES THAT "WASHINGTON MIGHT WELL BE REMINDED THAT DIPLOMACY IS A TWO WAY GAME. IF SOUTH AFRICA INSISTED ON US STANDARDS, AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT US EMBASSY STAFF IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HAVE LEFT LONG AGO."

4. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS, MAY 13, ALSO CARRIED REPORTED REACTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA TO THE US PROTEST OF VAN ROOYEN'S ACTIVITIES. BOTHA REPORTEDLY SAID: "AS FAR AS IT CONCERNS SENATOR CLARK, I HAVE TO POINT

OUT THAT HE DOES NOT ONLY CONTINUOUSLY INTERFERE WITH THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH AFRICA, BUT HE IS ACTIVELY CONCERNED WITH ACTIONS AIMED AT HARMING SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMY. HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE SUFFERING OF BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD HIS PLANS SUCCEED."

5. DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD IN PARLIAMENT ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA WILL RESPOND TO A QUESTION ON THE VAN ROOYEN ISSUE BY PFP FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN JAPPIE BASSON. FOURIE TOLD US LAST WEEK THAT BOTHA WOULD STICK TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT HE HAS ALREADY SAID PUBLICLY.  
NELSON

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